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In re Application of: Peter NIEBLING, et al. :

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Title: OUTER RING OF A WHEEL BEARING, AND :

AXIAL SECURING ELEMENT FOR SAID :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S i r:

Attached are claim amendments; a Substitute Specification marked up with amendments and a clean copy of the substitute specification; Replacement sheets 1, 2, and 4; and Remarks, each starting on a separate page.